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A brief for the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association as *amicus curiae* is being filed pursuant to Rule 42, Rules of the Supreme Court (1954). The questions presented by this appeal are of utmost importance to both the United States Department of the Interior and to the numerous oil and gas companies and private individuals comprising the membership of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association. The decision of this Court will not only directly affect the practical operation of the Mineral Leasing Act as well as the stability of leasehold titles, so important in promoting the prompt and efficient develop-

ment of the oil and gas deposits in public lands but will also materially affect the economic and property interests of the various members of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association by reason of their large holdings, as lessees, of Federal Oil and Gas Leases.

The views of the Secretary of the Interior will be presented to this Court by the Solicitor General. The views of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association are essentially the same as those of the Appellant, Fenelon Boesche, Administrator of the Estate of F. W. C. Boesche, Deceased, but are broader in interest and scope. It is believed that such an oral argument on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association will serve to clarify and illuminate the issues in this case and will thereby materially aid the Court in rendering its decision.

It is therefore believed that it is imperative that the *amicus curiae* be given the opportunity to fully and clearly present its viewpoint to the Court. We, therefore, respectfully request that we be given the opportunity to make an oral argument.

Respectfully submitted,

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